GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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PRIVATISATION OF FM
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether private broadcasters have been given the licence to operate FM Radio;

(b) if so, the number of such operators, channels and cities covered; and

(c) the revenue generated under the scheme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF T MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a): Government have selected private broadcasters for issue of licence for operations of FM Radio. The licences are yet to be issued.

(b): 29 companies have been selected for operation of 101 channels in 40 cities.

(c): So far an amount of Rs. 37.70 crores has been collected as advance licence fee.